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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I think the recent antitrust settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft is fair and just. I also think it is in the best interest of the states, the IT sector, and the economy to have this issue settled and allow the government to focus on more important issues such as education and security.

Under the terms of the settlement there are a couple points I strongly agree with. One forming a three-person team to monitor compliance with the settlement, and two, disclosing internal interfaces to competitors of Microsoft; these the aspects of the settlement will punish Microsoft sufficiently and ensure that competition is increased in the marketplace.

I sincerely hope that opposition subdues quickly because I look forward to seeing new products and service from Microsoft, a company that has led the technology industry and grown at rapid rate over the last decade. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Ruth Swern*

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